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Forest Advisory Committee.

* 1415 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE (on behalf of Sri K. M. Seethi Sahib): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the existing Forest Advisory Committee was constituted by the Government;

(*b*) how many times its meetings were announced;

(*c*) whether any meeting was held according to the announcement;

(*d*) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(*e*) whether the Forest Advisory Committee was called upon to do any work after its constitution?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Apparently the question refers to the Forest Utilization Advisory Board constituted by Government during 1949. The existing Board was reconstituted in October 1954.

" (*b*) *to* (*d*) After its reconstitution in October 1954, no meeting of the Board has been held so far and it is proposed to hold a meeting shortly.

" (*e*) As this Board is only an Advisory Body, no work has been entrusted to it."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, may I know the rules relating to the constitution of the Board as also the names of the members of the Board? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, if you will permit me to read the list of members (six non-officials and twelve officials), I shall read it; or if the hon. Member would put a separate question, I shall place it on the table of the House."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member give notice of a separate question."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether the venue of the Advisory Board's meeting would be near forests so that the members could actually see what they are transacting about it? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall bear this valuable suggestion in mind when we fix the venue for the next meeting."

Diagnosis of disease in the College of Indigenous Medicine.

* 1416 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that diagnosis of the disease of patients admitted in the hospital attached to the College of Indigenous Medicine, Madras, is done by allopathic doctors and the patients are treated with indigenous medicine; and

(*b*) if so, whether any difficulty was pointed out either by the staff or the students of the said college in the matter?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Diagnosis of diseases of patients is made both in allopathic and indigenous medicine methods. Treatment is primarily in Indigenous Medicine. If cases do not yield to treatment with Indigenous medicine, then the allopathic system of treatment is resorted to.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" My question is whether the diagnosis itself is not done by indigenous doctors."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I have already stated that diagnosis is also done according to indigenous methods."

Poultry farm in the Malabar district.

* 1417 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE (on behalf of Sri K. M. Seethi Sahib): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to transfer the only Government poultry farm in the Malabar district to another district and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative and the second part does not arise."

Police dogs.

* 1418 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of officers or constables employed in connexion with the maintenance of police dogs?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A staff of 1 Sub-Inspector, 1 head constable, 4 police constables and 2 boys is being employed in connexion with the maintenance of police dogs."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" இந்த போலீஸ் நாய்களுக்கு ஆகிற செலவைவிட அவற்றை சம்ரக்ஷிப்பதற்காகப் போடப்பட்டிருக்கிற அதிகாரிகளின் செலவு அதிகமாக ஆவதினால் இந்த முறையை ஒழிக்க சர்க்கார் முயற்சிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" இந்த முறை நல்ல பலனைக் கொடுத்திருக்கிறதென்று பலர் அபிப்பிராயப்படுகிறார்கள். அதோடு இன்னும் அது பரிட்சார்த்த நிலைமையில் இருப்பதினால் அதை உடனடியாக நீக்கிவிடும் உத்தேசம் சர்க்காருக்குக் கிடையாது."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that the two police dogs maintained by the Police department for detecting crimes died recently? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. Two dogs died of old age. Even dogs are mortal." (Laughter.)